The Freeman College Access to Higher Education Diploma (Art and Design) leads to a Level 3 qualification validated by Open College Network West Midlands, and prepares SEND learners, without traditional qualifications, for study at university.

The course is designed for:
• People with an interest in art and/or design
• People who, because of social, educational or individual circumstances, were unable to participate in or benefit from initial education
• People from groups under-represented in higher education
• People seeking a change of direction because of unemployment or lack of career opportunities in their previous field and who have a demonstrable interest in entering an art and design related profession
• People in receipt of an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)

Entry Qualifications
There are no standard entry qualifications; however, you will need a portfolio of work and demonstrate that you can cope with the demands of the course and that you have sufficient motivation to succeed. You should also demonstrate a suitable level of proficiency in Maths and English. International students should provide evidence of IELTS results.

Course Content
The course duration is two years and you will undertake units from the following modules:

• Art History
• Sketchbook
• Visual studies
• Exploring ideas through Process
• Craft – 2D and 3D
• Art – 2D and 3D
• Literacy Skills
• Final Major Project
• Study Skills and Preparing for HE

You will also take Functional Skills in English and Maths with a view to achieving a Level 2 qualification by the end of the course.

Learner Support
An Education Learning Co-ordinator and a Personal Tutor will monitor your progress throughout the course and provide regular support and advice to help you with personal and academic issues.

Progression
Successful completion of the Access to HE Diploma in Art & Design allows progression to a range of Higher Education courses with a total of 96 UCAS points.

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